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SUBJ: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) ON OFFSET PROGRAM IN
CONNECTION SALE OF F-5 AIRCRAFT TO SWITZERLAND

REF: STATE 143262

1. CHIEF OF SWISS ARMAMENTS AGENCY (GROSSENBACHER)
TELEPHONED DCM JUNE 17 FOLLOWING HIS RETURN TO BERN TO
DESCRIBE, AND EXPRESS SATISFACTION WITH, MOU HE HAD
INITIALLED ON AD REFERENDUM BASIS IN WASHINGTON JUNE 14.
GROSSENBACHER INDICATED THAT MOU WOULD BE SUBMITTED FOR
FEDERAL COUNCIL APPROVAL PRIOR SIGNATURE BY THE FEDERAL
COUNCILOR IN CHARGE OF MILITARY DEPARTMENT (GNAEGI).
(EMBASSY HAS HEARD INDIRECTLY THAT MACHINERY INDUSTRY
ASSOCIATION (VSM), WHICH HAS BEEN MAIN PROPONENT OF OFFSET,
AND LABOR UNIONS ARE ALSO SATISFIED.)

2. GROSSENBACHER THEN REITERATED CONCERNS HE HAD EX-
PRESSED TO EMBOFFS JUNE 10 (BERN 2401) RE ALLEGATIONS
OF POSSIBLY IMPROPER NORTHROP ACTIVITIES IN SWITZERLAND
AND REPEATED REQUEST FOR STATEMENT FROM "COMPETENT
AUTHORITY" OF USG AS WELL AS FROM NORTHROP RE MATTER.
HE PARTICULARLY STRESSED REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES OF
ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION/ZUG WERE OF
PARTICULAR INTEREST.

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3. IN SWISS PRESS JUNE 19 MENTION MADE OF MILITARY DEPT
"SATISFACTION" WITH RESULTS WASHINGTON TALKS; INFORMATION
ON COMPENSATORY PURCHASES TO BE MADE PUBLIC IN CONNECTION
FEDERAL COUNCIL MESSAGE TO PARLIAMENT FOR SEPT SESSION.
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